

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

25 AUGUST 1961
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. West Berlin
Tag der Heimat

The East Germans may seize on the 1-3 September meeting in Berlin of refugees and expellees as an excuse for new restrictions on West German access to the city and as a pretext for demanding control over Western civil air traffic. The East Germans interfered with travel to last year's meeting but subsequently conceded the right of free movement to and within Berlin after the West Germans threatened to break off interzonal trade.

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Moscow's propaganda on Berlin is, for the moment, concentrating its fire on the West Germans, claiming that they are trying to force the West into "rash" action.

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2. Peiping alleges US
military plotting

The Communist Chinese continue to charge that the US is planning to provoke military clashes in the Far East designed to demonstrate Chinese belligerence prior to the UN vote on the representation issue. Military forces in East China continue on an alert status.

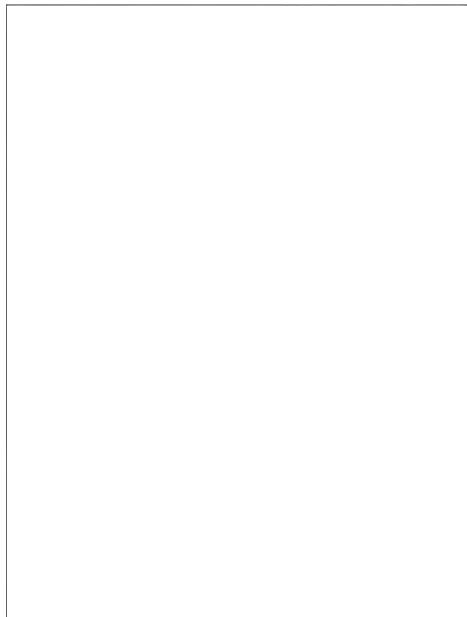
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An unusually high level of air defense exercises in the North Korean air force has also been noted.

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3. Brazil



Brazilian political and military circles are still agitated by the Guevara incident, but Quadros seems to have gained as much on the left as he lost on the right. 50X1

Further information on the Communist Chinese-Brazilian trade agreement [redacted] 50X1

indicates: a) it does not include a long-term Chinese credit; b) it calls for an exchange of goods worth about \$28,000,000 each way during the next year.

Meanwhile, [redacted]

[redacted] the lack of suitable Cuban exports and foreign exchange makes a broad long-term arrangement unfeasible. 50X1

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4. Factions in South Korean junta may be headed for a showdown



Pak does not see eye-to-eye with the radical young colonels in the junta who favor harsh measures against officials of the ousted regime and an indefinite continuation of military control. Our ambassador believes that Pak can bring the colonels around "only up to a point." [redacted] 50X1

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NOTES

- A. A Peking press report on Nehru's speech to parliament has picked up his statement that "the present US government is not only friendly to us but more friendly than any other government in the past ten years or so." [REDACTED]
- B. Some sort of Soviet-East German meeting in Berlin has apparently been set up. The East German ambassador has left Moscow for Pankow hard on the heels of a top-level Soviet propaganda team. There are also rumors in Moscow that Khrushchev, still at his Black Sea vacation place, will visit Berlin. [REDACTED]
- C. As a further step in their campaign to get quick designation of Souvanna as premier, Soviet representatives in Laos are now hinting that failure to get an agreement will bring the Communist Chinese more fully into the picture. Perhaps coincidentally, a US observer at the Geneva meeting reports that some signs of Sino-Soviet differences have shown in the past few days. [REDACTED]
- D. The Stanleyville faction is pushing Adoula to seek an invitation to the non-aligned conference. [REDACTED]

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